

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 11 (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A safety handle for temporary attachment to a vertically disposed pier piling for use by passengers during boarding and exiting a boat, said safety handle comprising:

a base member constructed of a flexible sheet of material, ~~said base member further defined as~~ having a front surface and a back surface bounded by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first and second side edge, said front surface including integrally formed rigid protrusions designed to ~~temporarily prohibit movement of~~ frictionally engage said base member when ~~attached to~~ positioned against said piling;

a handgrip defined by a first leg and a second leg secured to said back surface with a rigid bridge extending between said legs, said rigid bridge having a receptacle formed form an aperture placed in one of said legs and extending through said bridge , ~~said handgrip including a receptacle secured therebetween,~~ said receptacle sized to receive a chemiluminescent light stick, said

receptacle made of a clear material permitting light to ~~shine~~ pass through for providing an illuminated stationary support for passengers to grasp while boarding said boat whereby said handgrip will glow in darkness, said receptacle positioning said chemiluminescent light stick in an upright vertical position;

a pair of straps connected to said base member each strap is adapted to extend around said piling;

whereby said base member is secured to said piling by use of said straps and said rigid protrusions inhibits movement of said handgrip wherein said handgrip is available for use in boarding and exiting of a boat with said chemiluminescent light stick illuminating said handgrip.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said hand grip are plastic, said hand grip receptacle being translucent.

15. (Previously Presented) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member is wood.

16. (Previously presented) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said base member and said handgrip are integrally formed.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The safety handle according to claim 12 wherein said strap is of a length sufficient to encircle said piling between 6 inches and 20 inches.

19. (Previously Presented) The safety handle according to claim 18 wherein a proximal end of each said strap is attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap is available for coupling to a quick release fastener coupled to said second edge after said strap is encircled around said piling.

20. (Currently Amended) A safety handle for temporary attachment to a vertical disposed pier piling for use by passengers during boarding and exiting a boat, said safety handle comprising:

a base member having a front surface and a back surface bound by a top edge and a bottom edge with a first and second side edge, said front surface including integrally formed rigid protrusions designed to ~~temporarily prohibit movement of~~ frictionally engage said base member when ~~attached to~~ positioned against said piling;

a pair of straps connected to said base member, each strap having a proximal end attached to said first edge of said base member with a distal end of each said strap available for coupling to a quick release fastener coupled to said second edge, each said strap of a length sufficient to encircle said piling between 6 inches and 20 inches and adapted to extend around said piling;

a handgrip defined by a first leg and a second leg secured to said back surface with a rigid bridge extending between said legs;

whereby said base member is secured to said piling by use of said straps and said rigid protrusions inhibit movement of said base member once attached to said piling wherein said handgrip is available for use in boarding and exiting of said boat.

21. (Previously presented) The safety handle according to claim 20 wherein said base member and said handgrip are integrally formed.